

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 17968.008

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Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Robert John Speirs, Barbara Ann Schaeffler, and Peter Bruce Challoner, entitled METHODS AND UNIT DOSE FORMULATIONS FOR THE INHALATION ADMINISTRATION OF AMINOGLYCOSIDE ANTIBIOTICS.

- X 1. This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 10/151,701, filed May 17, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/292,234, filed May 18, 2001.
- X 2. A copy of the petition for a 3-month extension of time to extend pendency of the prior application to at least the filing date of this application is enclosed.
- X 3. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]
 - X The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
- X 4. The prior application was assigned to Chiron Corporation, by an Assignment recorded at Reel 12060/Frame 0648.

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Basic Fee							770
Total Claims	17 - 20	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	3 - 3	=	0	x	86	=	0
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Title:

METHODS AND UNIT DOSE FORMULATIONS FOR THE INHALATION

ADMINISTRATION OF AMINOGLYCOSIDE ANTIBIOTICS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101 December 22, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action, dated July 2, 2003, set to expire on October 2, 2003, be extended by three months to expire on January 2, 2004.

Enclosed is our check No. 152705 in the amount of \$950.00.

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